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| In re Application of: |) | |
| DOUGLAS M. DILLON |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
| Appln. No.: 08/838,242 |) | Group Art Unit: 2602 |
| Filed: April 16, 1997 |) | |
| For: SATELLITE BROADCASTING |) | March 19, 1999 |
| SYSTEM EMPLOYING CHANNEL |) | |
| SWITCHING |) | |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2,

Line 5, after "measure" insert --of--.

Line 18, change "downling" to --downlink--.

Page 3,

Line 24, change "principle" to --principal--.

Page 21,

Line 2, change "an" to --and--.